

My Life ? My Death ?

why
I am here?

what
is the purpose
of my life ?

who
gave me this life ?

where
I would be after
my death ?



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What is the reality of our Life?

Our life is divided into two parts one is brief stay in this world in where we are born, educated, have families, earn and get old day by day and finally face Death. The second part is the eternal life, the life after Death, of which majority of mankind is unaware and confused. Many unanswered questions arise in our mind which include, Where did I really come from ? Why I am here in this world ? What is the purpose of my life ? Where is my final Destination ? The most important question that comes to our mind while considering our purpose of life is, "Who created us and for What ?" Are we here based on random natural coincidences or is there a higher intelligent powerful being, in form of our creator ?

Imagine walking in a desert and finding a watch, we know a watch consists of glass, plastic and metal. Glass comes from sand, plastic from oil and metal from ground – all these components are found in desert. Will you believe that the watch you found form by itself in the desert ? Is this watch found by random or natural coincidence? Of course not, someone has made it. Human experience and simple logic tells us that something that has a beginning

neither simply come from nothing, nor can something create itself. Therefore, the most rational explanation is that a higher intelligent and powerful being, created the universe and the entire Mankind for a Purpose.

2 Who Created You?

Allah is He Who created you, then provided food for you, then will cause you to die, then (again) He will give you life (on the Day of Resurrection). Quran 30:40.

It is mentioned in the Holy Quran that Allah (The Almighty God) is he who has created Mankind and sustains it and he created the whole Universe in six epoch (period) and runs it without being tired or even having a slumber.

He created you from one soul. Then He made from it its mate and He produced for you from the grazing livestock eight mates. He creates you in the wombs of your mothers, creation after creation, within three darknesses (layers). That is Allah, your Lord; to Him belongs dominion. There is no deity except Him, so how are you averted? Quran 39:6.

He is "Al Ahad" The Only One and "Al Samad" The Eternal Refuge - Free from all needs. He neither begets nor he is begotten and He has no equivalent to him. He is Unique and has no partners, sons or rivals. He is the only one who is worthy of All Worship – directly and exclusively (Without any Mediators). "Allah" (The Almighty God) is his proper name and nothing else can be called Allah. Yes He has created You.

3 Why did Allah created Humans and gave the life and death ?

And I (Allah) created not the Jinns and Humans except they should worship Me (Alone). Quran 51:56

"He is Allah (The Almighty God) who created Death and life to test you (as to) which of you is best in deed"
Quran 67:2.

Here Quran clearly mentions that we have been created by Allah – The lord of the Universe and the Creator, Sustainer, Cherisher of Mankind to Worship only Him and to do best in our deeds. In Islam, worship is a comprehensive term that includes to execute all Good actions and sayings that Allah has

commanded and is pleased with it and at the same time to abstain from all forbidden actions and sayings that Allah has prohibited. Therefore, by doing what Allah commands and abstaining what Allah has prohibited is Worshipping Allah and being obedient to him.

The Person who submits and surrenders his will, action and deeds to Allah alone and does not surrender to anyone (including himself) or anything else is called a "Muslim" in Arabic language.

4 Allah has revealed the Truth in the Holy Quran.

Quran is not a human handiwork but a revelation from Allah - The lord of the Universe and the Creator, Sustainer, Cherisher of Mankind. Before Quran revealed there were various divine scriptures through various Prophets (Messengers) from time man came on earth but they were altered and corrupted which resulted in made-up deities other than Allah. Hence Allah guarded the Quran Himself and revealed to Prophet Muhammed*, which is the last and final Scripture, the greatest miracle and priceless gift to entire Mankind.

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Verily We: It is We (Allah) Who has sent down the Dhikr (i.e. the Quran) and surely, We will guard it (from corruption). Quran 15:9.

The Holy Quran was revealed to the final Prophet "Muhammed*" in a span of 23 years in Makkah and Madinah through Angel of Allah Jibreel. Allah commanded Muhammad* to convey the message of Quran to entire mankind.

O Messenger (Muhammad SAW)! Proclaim (the Message of Quran) which has been sent down to you from your Lord. And if you do not, then you have not conveyed His Message. Allah will protect you from mankind. Quran 5:67.

Quran is verbatim speech of Allah - The lord of the Universe and the Creator, Sustainer, Cherisher of Mankind which was revealed in Arabic Language and thereafter it was translated by scholars in many languages for the benefit and clear guidance to Mankind. The most common misunderstanding is that Quran is for Muslim community only, but the reality is that this Quran is a universal call, invitation, notification for entire mankind by our Creator to

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guide them in physical, moral, spiritual and all aspects of human existence. It also confirms the previous scriptures which were sent down to Musa* (Moses) Taurah (Old Testament), Dawud* (David) Zabur (Psalms) and Isa* (Jesus) Injeel (Bible). The Quran corrects all the corruption and alteration made in them and reveals the correct characteristics and responsibility of Prophets (Messengers). It specially aims to clarify misunderstandings regarding the reality of Isa* (Jesus) - Was he a God or a Prophet of Allah ?

Quran mentions the statement of Jesus himself in chapter 19 verse 30 "He ['Isa (Jesus)] said: Verily! I am a slave of Allah, He has given me the Scripture and made me a Prophet.

Surely, they have disbelieved who say: "Allah is the Messiah ['Isa (Jesus)], son of Maryam (Mary)." But the Messiah ['Isa (Jesus)] said: "O Children of Israel! Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord." Verily, whosoever sets up partners in worship with Allah, then Allah has forbidden Paradise for him, and the Fire will be his abode. And for the Zalimun (polytheists and wrong-doers) there are no helpers. Quran – 5:72.

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Isa* (Jesus) was one of the most honorable Prophet sent by Allah - The lord of the Universe and the Creator, Sustainer, Cherisher of Mankind to call towards the worship of Allah alone till eternity.

The Quran is a book of guidance and explains many concepts which includes the Purpose of our life, who is Allah, the actions liked and disliked by Allah, the stories of the Prophets and their lessons, reality of life after death, accounts of deeds on the day of Judgement and its result in form of our final Destination either Heaven or Hell.

This [Quran] is notification for the people that they may be warned thereby and that they may know that He is but one God and that those of understanding will be reminded. Quran 14:52

5 Why it is so important for us to Worship Allah alone?

Indeed, Allah does not forgive association with Him, but He forgives what is less than that for whom He wills. And he who associates others with Allah has certainly fabricated a tremendous sin. Quran 4:48

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"You do not worship besides Him but only names which you have named (forged) you and your fathers, for which Allah has sent down no authority. The command (or the judgement) is for none but Allah. He has commanded that you worship none but Him (i.e. His Monotheism), that is the (true) straight religion, but most men know not. Quran 12:40

The most important thing to realize here, is that polytheism is contradictory of worshiping of Allah alone (i.e. Monotheism). To worship or associating any male, female, living or dead, sun, moon, stars, animals or anything with Allah and his attributes is called "Shirk" in Arabic (polytheism - worship of made-up deities). Falling into polytheism is the most grievous SIN on the face of the earth because it goes against the creation of mankind. This "Shirk" violation is an unforgivable sin that sends one to hellfire forever.

Say, "Come, I will recite what your Lord (Allah) has prohibited to you. [He commands] that do not do Shirk (worship or associate anything with Allah). Quran 6:151.

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How to Worship Allah ? How to fulfill your purpose of life ?

Firstly there is a big misunderstanding about Islam that it is a “New Religion” established by Prophet Muhammad* but the true reality is that it is the only correct way of Life prescribed by our Creator Allah.

“Islam” is an Arabic word which means submitting our will, to the will of our Creator and giving preference to his will and commands over everything else including our own desires to attain peace in life.

“Worship In Islam” not only includes the acts of Worship but also demands complete obedience to Allah's command. Obedience is the most important aspect of worship which demands doing all that Allah has ordained and to abstain from all that He has forbidden.

The First Commandment of Allah - The lord of the Universe and the Creator, Sustainer, Cherisher of Mankind which a person has to believe, proclaim and practice is, “LA ILLAHA ILLA LAAH MUHAMMAD UR RASOOLULLAAH” This phrase means “There is no Diety (True God worthy of worship) except Allah and Muhammad (peace be upon him) is the Messenger of Allah”

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Worship in Islam as explained above is total obedience to Allah with love and sincerity. Hence, whatever good we do, should be only to please and worship Allah with no other intention.

Worshipping Allah first needs to resolve that "We believe that there is NO DIETY except Allah" and shun all deities which we used to worship along with the cultural rituals which is celebrated without any evidence from Allah.

Secondly we have to believe that Allah not only revealed the holy Quran to Prophet Muhammad* but also showed him the method of worshiping Allah along with the recommendation and prohibition while practicing Islam in daily life. Therefore, we have to believe that Muhammad* is the Messenger of Allah and hence we have to follow only him in all method of worshiping and practically practicing Islam. This is the only way you can fulfill the purpose of your life.

And they were not commanded except to worship Allah, [being] sincere to Him in religion, inclining to truth, and to establish prayer and to give zakah. And that is the correct religion. Quran 98:5.

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How much Time is left for you ?

This present worldly life will terminate at any point of time. The present life is the life of performance and the life after death is the life of consequence. So in short you have time only till you are alive. Once Death arrives your time is over and we all know that Death is the reality from which none can escape. It draws nearer every day; every hour; every minute. Every single human being will reach this destine fate, regardless of their age, health, background, social status or piety. Where are the past kings, the billionaires and the powerful ? Where are those beautiful, famous, and intellectual elite ? All are dead and their time is already over but you still have time. How much time you don't know ? When your death will approach nobody knows except Allah.

They indeed are losers who denied their Meeting with Allah, until all of a sudden, the Hour (signs of death) is on them, and they say: "Alas for us that we gave no thought to it," while they will bear their burdens on their backs; and evil indeed are the burdens that they will bear!. And the life of this world is nothing but play and amusement. But far better is the house in the Hereafter for those who are Al-Muttaqun (the pious - See V.2: 2). Will you not then understand? Quran 6:31-32

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Inevitable Judgement Day - The day of Resurrection

Verily, the Day of Judgement (when Allah will judge between the creatures) is the time appointed for all of them. Quran 44.40

Indeed, those who disbelieve - if they should have all that is in the earth and the like of it with it by which to ransom themselves from the punishment of the Day of Resurrection, it will not be accepted from them, and for them is a painful punishment. They will wish to get out of the Fire, but never are they to emerge therefrom, and for them is an enduring punishment. Quran 5:37

In the life after death (Eternal life) one of the principle belief is the Day of Judgment and the result for the deeds done in this world. This is the occasion when every single human being would be brought in front of Creator and will be questioned about his affairs in the world. The Scroll of his deeds would be open with every minute detail. Those declared disobedient and arrogant would be taken to the fire of hell and those who are declared obedient and faithful would be welcome and taken to gardens of paradise.

Indeed, We sent down to you the Book for the people in truth. So whoever is guided - it is for [the benefit of] his soul; and whoever goes astray only goes astray to its detriment. And you are not a manager over them.

Quran 39:41

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What should you do now?

Now that we know that our Purpose of life is to worship Allah – The lord of the Universe and the Creator, Sustainer, Cherisher of Mankind in the way He ordain, perform acts of righteousness and to avoid which is prohibited, and our fate will be decided on the basis of our present actions and deeds. We have to use this opportunity of this present life to ensure that we get an eternal place in Paradise.

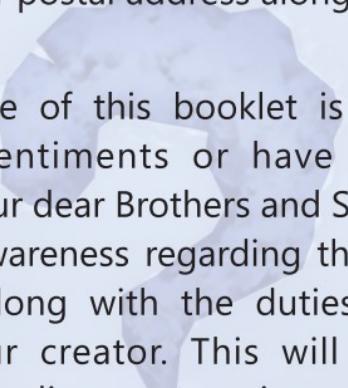
And Allah invites to the Home of Peace and guides whom He wills to a straight path. For them who have done good is the best [reward] and extra. No darkness will cover their faces, nor humiliation. Those are companions of Paradise; they will abide therein eternally.

Quran 10:25-26

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Say, [O Muhammad], "O mankind, indeed I am the Messenger of Allah to you all, [from Him] to whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. There is no deity except Him; He gives life and causes death." So believe in Allah and His Messenger, the unlettered prophet, who believes in Allah and His words, and follow him that you may be guided. Quran 7:158

And this life of the world
is only amusement and play!
Verily, the home of the Hereafter,
that is the Eternal life
(that will never end),
if only they knew.

Quran: Surah Ankaboot : 64

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